

Re: Statement - Approval of RCMP request

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To close the loop on the mechanism, here's what we got from the rcmp:

The original resources we provided to assist (public order) were simply made available (collaborative effort to keep Hill safe). For this new group, OPS is suppose to do up an MOU but nothing has been signed yet.

> On Feb 3, 2022, at 8:50 PM, Vaillancourt, Ann-Clara <Ann-Clara.Vaillancourt@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

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> Can we see the French version please ?

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>> On Feb 3, 2022, at 8:49 PM, Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca> wrote:

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>> As we just discussed, I've asked the RCMP for that info and will let you know as soon as I hear back.

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>> Closing in five.

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>

>> Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 8:36 PM

>> To: Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>

>> Cc: Cullinan, Annie <Annie.Cullinan@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>; DANIEL.MINDEN@forces.gc.ca; Roy, Cecely <Cecely.Roy@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Power, Mary-Liz <Mary-Liz.Power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Khalil, Samantha <Samantha.Khalil@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Kiteley, Alana <Alana.Kiteley@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Vaillancourt, Ann-Clara <Ann-Clara.Vaillancourt@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Jones, Mike <Mike.Jones@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Hage-Moussa, Vanessa <Vanessa.Hage-Moussa@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; SABRINA.KIM@forces.gc.ca; EMILY.DESROCHERS@forces.gc.ca; Astravas, Zita <Zita.Astravas@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>

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>> Seconding Annie's ask - Alex would you mind getting background information from the dept or RCMP, in writing, on what the process/authorities were to allow OPS to access RCMP resources? For example, is there some kind of MOU or agreement in place between the two forces?

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>> On Feb 3, 2022, at 8:10 PM, Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca> wrote:

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>>> I believe it was a direct request from the city to the RCMP, but Mike will know more

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Cullinan, Annie <Annie.Cullinan@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>

>>> Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 8:08 PM

>>> To: daniel.minden@forces.gc.ca

>>> Cc: Roy, Cecely <Cecely.Roy@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Power, Mary-Liz <Mary-Liz.Power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Khalil, Samantha <Samantha.Khalil@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Kiteley, Alana <Alana.Kiteley@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Vaillancourt, Ann-Clara <Ann-Clara.Vaillancourt@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Jones, Mike <Mike.Jones@ps-sp.gc.ca>; Hage-Moussa, Vanessa <Vanessa.Hage-Moussa@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; SABRINA.KIM@forces.gc.ca; EMILY.DESROCHERS@forces.gc.ca; Williams, Caroline <Caroline.Williams@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>; Astravas, Zita <Zita.Astravas@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>

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>>> Adding from EP. For our awareness - what process was this support approved under?

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>>>> On Feb 3, 2022, at 8:06 PM, daniel.minden@forces.gc.ca wrote:

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>>>> Adding from my team

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>>>> Daniel Minden

>>>> Press Secretary and Senior Communications Advisor to the Minister of National Defence |
 Attaché de presse et conseiller principal en communication de la ministre de la Défense nationale

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>>>>> On Feb 3, 2022, at 8:05 PM, Roy, Cecely <cecely.roy@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

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>>>>> Thanks Alex – adding Vanessa here too for her awareness.

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>>>>> From: Cohen, Alexander <Alexander.Cohen@ps-sp.gc.ca>

>>>>> Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 8:00 PM

>>>>> To: Power, Mary-Liz <Mary-Liz.Power@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Khalil, Samantha <Samantha.Khalil@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Kiteley, Alana <Alana.Kiteley@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Vaillancourt, Ann-Clara <Ann-Clara.Vaillancourt@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Roy, Cecely <Cecely.Roy@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Cullinan, Annie <Annie.Cullinan@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>; DANIEL.MINDEN@forces.gc.ca

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>>>>> We have now approved the city's request for additional support from the RCMP, and are hoping to get the news out quickly. Draft statement is below, hoping to send to media and post on social media ASAP.

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>>>>> The convoy in Ottawa has caused significant disruption to local residents – including vandalism, harassment, expressions of hate and violence and ongoing obstruction of many essential services. The community is entitled to expect that the law is upheld and enforced by police, and that public safety is maintained.

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>>> I had a productive call with Mayor Jim Watson earlier tonight, where he said that the City of Ottawa has submitted a request to the RCMP for additional resources.

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>>> Following that call, I am able to confirm that the RCMP has approved all the additional officers that were requested, and they will be ready to assist the Ottawa Police Service, who are the police of jurisdiction.

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>>> This request is in addition to RCMP resources and support already in place since the arrival of the convoy in Ottawa. It is important to underline that these are operational decisions taken by the police, independent of the government.

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>>> Ottawans deserve to feel safe in their community. Federal public safety partners, including the RCMP, will continue to work closely with the City, OPS and all stakeholders to ensure that our laws are upheld and that public safety is maintained.

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>>> Alexander Cohen

>>> Director of Communications | Directeur des communications Office of the Minister of Public Safety | Cabinet du ministre de la Sécurité publique

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